GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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SETTING UP OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW POST GRADUATE EDUCATION IN ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee has been constituted to review the Post Graduate Education in Engineering and Technology underthe Chairmanship of Prof. P. Rama Rao, V.C., University of Hyderabad;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report/ recommendations;

(c) if so, whether those recommendations were accepted by the MHRD/AICTEfor attracting the students towards PG Education in Engineering and Technology; and

(d) the action taken by the concerned agencies in that direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d) : The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) had constituted a Committeeto review Postgraduate Education in Engineering & Technology. On consideration of the Report submitted by the Committee and witha view to providing necessary directions to the Technical Education System in the Country towards promotion of PG Education and Research in Engineering& Technology, the Ministry, in December 2001 has announced a Policy Framework. The Policy Framework, inter-alia, provides for increasing the duration of M. Tech. Programmes from 18 to 24 months; raising the scholarship amount; increasing the outturn of Postgraduate students/ Ph. D. holders; extensive use of Information Technology (IT) based distance education; periodic phasing out of outdated Postgraduate Programmes; encouraging accreditation of courses; promotion of industrial participation and introduction of technology entrepreneur; expansion/ strengthening of Early Faculty Induction Programme; expansion/ strengthening of Quality Improvement Programme, etc. The AICTE has initiated various necessary stepsto implement major recommendations from the academic session 2002-2003 onwards.